

How Old is Ann?

For years I've wondered night and day
 Who smote Bill Patterson;
 I've wondered till my hair is gray
 If Johnnie got his gun.
 And if when and half a hen
 A day and a half a day
 Laid one egg and a half an egg
 Pray what would six hens lay?

These awful problems vexed my mind
 Through all the days gone past;
 And now in old age do I find
 The worst one comes on last.

I've figured till I'm nearly blind.
 And worked out every plan,
 But still no answer do I find
 To this: "How old is Ann?"

How old is Ann? I want to know
 To ease my aching brain.
 How old is Ann? Please ease my woe
 And give me peace again.
 A plague on Ann, and Mary, too;
 The twin I fairly hate.
 Unless I find out Ann's age I'm due
 The bug house sure as fate.

CANDIDATES AT DeFUNIACK.

**Brown is Applauded—Mays Makes
 Maiden Speech—Jennings Empties
 Pepper Box on Talliaferro.**

The first speaker was Hon. C. M. Brown, who is aspiring to become Florida's chief executive. He spoke particularly of the farming and laboring classes, referring to them as worthy of special attention. He favored good schools, the railway commission, primary system, and good roads. Adverting to his opponent, Mr. Davis, he said it was passing strange that the congressman should want to quit a well-paying job to take one which paid a little more than one half of the salary attached to the office he now held. The speaker was well applauded.

Dannette H. Mays made his maiden speech for the governorship. He had announced his candidacy a few days since but this was his first appearance on the platform, and he made a neat talk. He was glad of the fact that the newspapers had referred to him as the farmer candidate, and felicitated the Walton county people for their enterprise in holding an agricultural fair, since the wealth of the state had its source in the farming industry. The gentleman declared in favor of the primary, railroad commission, liberal appropriations for the insane and unfortunate, good roads, and good schools.

He was a democrat, and has always been one, working for the interest of the party but never thought the party owed him anything. If elected he would do anything to best subserve the state's interests.

Hon. N. B. Broward was an interesting speaker. He was a firm supporter of the railroad commission and the primary law as in the latter lay the only safety of the people, and on the other hand, in the railway commission the people could rule the great corporations. One of his opponents was even then riding on the railroad's good will, and accepting privileges of the telegraph companies.

Hon. J. N. C. Stockton began his talk by stating that he was very glad to see the people taking such an interest in the public affairs, because such an interest was sure to develop the only safeguard to American liberties. He reviewed the past state political history, and then called attention to his own public record, and particularly to the organization of the railroad commission which bill he claimed to have introduced while a member of the legislature. The reduction of freight and passenger charges were accomplishments of the commission, and the saving had amounted to thousands of dollars.

This was the case with the East and South Florida lines, and the same should apply to the branches of the L. & N. in West Florida for the benefit of the people in this section. This company was attacked in a vigorous manner, and the actions of its officers before the commission was held up. The "subsidized press" was given much attention especially the Times-Union.

Governor Jennings was a very interesting orator. He went after Senator Talliaferro without gloves, and literally raked that official for his past political inaction. Especially was the "matchless record of the Business Senator" talked of, and when his Excellency finished his remarks there

was a great deal more known of Senator Talliaferro than before. The governor concluded by relating how particularly successful Senator Talliaferro had been in securing additional deposits for his bank in Tampa, amounting to from \$144,000 to \$200,000, and that bank had had the use of those funds, the people's money. All this notwithstanding the fact that the platform on which Senator Talliaferro was elected demands the repeal of the very law under which those deposits were secured.—Pensacola News.

Dr. Teigo Fushida.

A large number of people attended services at the Baptist church Sunday night to hear the address of Dr. Teigo Fushida, the Christian convert of Fukuoka, Japan.

He gave an interesting story of his conversion, which occurred eleven years ago through the missionary labors of Miss McCullough, the first missionary sent to Japan by the Southern Baptist Association.

Dr. Fushida was brought up as a strict Buddhist. He lost his mother when he was two weeks old and her dying invocation was that her husband should place the Buddhist idol into the hands of her infant babe and have him worship it in her memory and as he grew to boyhood, he stoned the missionary church as Paul had stoned Stephen, and young Fushida conscientiously believed he was doing his duty and something that was pleasing in the sight of Buddha and his sainted mother. But, an incident occurred that led him to visit the missionary church through curiosity and he finally became a member of the Sunday school and in a short while was converted.

Dr. Fushida has been a consistent follower of Christ since his conversion and though at first he was turned from his father's house, later he became instrumental in the conversion of his father and all the members of his family to Christianity besides a large number of friends and acquaintances.

After a three years' course in the Baylor University of Texas, he graduated and will now take a two years' course in the Baptist Theological University at Louisville, Ky. He will then return to his native land to enter regularly upon his work as a missionary.

At the Christian Church.

Rev. S. B. Moore, of Atlanta, was greeted by a good audience at the Christian church Monday night. He preached a very touching and encouraging sermon from the text, "God is Love." It was a new sermon from an old text, bringing God nearer His people. Mr. Moore has an excellent command of words and is a teacher in love. Mr. Doyd, of Chicago, an accomplished artist on the flute, was present and helped materially with the music. Mr. Doyd will be here several evenings. Miss Whitfield delighted all with a sweet gospel solo. Mr. Moore in his introduction said he was glad to see the Christian love and fellowship of the people of Ocala, that he was here to preach Christ and to do good in the city.

A Very Neat Compliment.

Besides our editorial friends many of our subscribers are constantly putting us under obligations to them for the pretty things they are pleased to say about us.

One whose friendship we value very highly ends a letter as follows:

"I hope your shadow may never grow less and when future generations come and the Sunday school teacher shall ask the question of his class: 'Who is the oldest man?' The scholars will all reply: 'Editor Frank Harris, of the Ocala Banner.'"

Sight for Government Building Selected.

Mr. J. F. Edwards received information from Washington Monday that his offer of a site for the erection of a government building had been accepted and deeds for the property will be immediately passed.

Mr. Edwards' offer embraces the south half of what is known as the Dunn Park lot.

It will be of interest to the friends of Mr. Will Strobhar, formerly of this city, to learn that he has recently become a benedict and is now living in Montgomery, Ala.

Miss Tucker's Visit.

A great crowd assembled in the Ocala church on the evening of Oct. 12th to hear the noted bible reader, Miss Emma Tucker. She was assisted by the sweet singer, Miss Godby. The theme was, "The Holy Spirit," and her impressive, convincing manner awakened a new life. She contrasted the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the people from that of the world. She made a ribbon to measure the wealth squandered on sensuous pleasures as compared with that employed in the spread of the gospel, holding the attention of the hearers for over an hour.

As a mark of appreciation quite a number of her friends gave her an outing on Monday, going down the beautiful, blue waters of our famous Silver Spring—chaperoned by Mrs. J. P. Hilburn. To add to the pleasure of the occasion Mr. B. H. Seymour, with the assistance of others, repaired to the springs in the forenoon and caught a bountiful supply of fish which were "fried to a turn" by Rev. J. A. Hendry and Tex Martin. The dinner was served on the wharf and without a doubt it was never surpassed in Marion county. In the afternoon the party enjoyed a most delightful boat ride, and later returned to Ocala, happy and thankful.—Albert A. Graham in Florida Christian Advocate.

A Model Farmer.

Hon. Marion L. Payne brightened our sanctum with his presence Saturday afternoon. He is one of the most successful and scientific farmers in the county and did this year what few farmers have done before, viz: He sold corn for \$2 per bushel when the market price was only 75 cents. Mr. Payne's is a very superior article and he has been very careful in selecting it for several years past and now believes he has the best corn for planting that can be procured in the state. A traveling man for a seed house stopped with Mr. Payne by accident and was so pleased with the corn that he purchased twenty bushels at the price above named.

A Jacksonville Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Nelson, of Jacksonville, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Alma Virginia Nelson, to Mr. Oliver Carl Neal. The wedding will take place at the home of the bride on the evening of Wednesday, November 11, at six thirty o'clock.

Miss Nelson is a sister of Mrs. Morgan C. Looney, of this city, and she has a number of friends in Ocala who will be interested in her approaching marriage.

Buck Stove Contest.

To the friends who have so kindly helped me in the past: I wish to announce that I have formed a partnership with Ethel Crosby. The reason for this step is the partnership which from the beginning of the contest has existed between Marguerite Anderson and Josie Bullock. Thanking you one and all for your kindness and soliciting its continuance during the remaining weeks of the contest. Respectfully,

MARY W. PHILLIPS.

Destructive Fire.

In the Blitchton neighborhood Sunday night Rev. Z. A. Crumpton's barn and stable caught fire and besides burning the buildings a big lot of hay, corn, fodder, rice, oats, etc., were destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Mr. Crumpton was in Levy county but his wife was at home when the fire occurred. When discovered by the neighbors it had made too much headway to be extinguished.

Killed at Bell's Still.

Saturday night at Bell's turpentine still, near Berlin, an altercation arose between a negro boy, aged 14, and a middle aged negro named Alfred Wheeler. The boy "got his gun" and emptied the entire contents into Wheeler's breast, killing him instantly.

One of the blessings (?) of the primary system is, that bolters and independents can announce themselves as candidates, run for office within the democratic ranks and denounce democrats who have always been loyal and true to their party.—White Springs Herald.

The Farmer and Good Citizenship.

All sides of a question are being discussed and digested by the average farmers much more so than the average politician supposes.

In conversation with one of the farmers of this county who honored our sanctum with a friendly call a few days ago we found that he could easily give us pointers on many of the problems now up before the country awaiting settlement.

How is it, we asked, that you keep so well posted?

He replied he thought that was a duty every citizen owed to his country and he made it a rule of life never to form a hasty opinion, nor a one sided opinion, on any public question.

He informed us that he subscribed for one or two agricultural newspapers, one republican newspaper, one socialist newspaper, and several democratic newspapers, and remarked that that was the only way to be in a position to form an intelligent opinion on any vexing problem.

Are there many farmers in this county, we asked, who keep so well posted?

He replied that the number would be surprising, and we confess that the information is surprising, and it is a surprise of the most agreeable kind.

The broad, well developed man, whose judgment and opinions are worth considering, is the man who considers all public questions from all points of view.

Phosphate Exhibit.

The Gainesville Sun says that Hon. M. E. Bishop, of St. Louis, is on a special mission to Florida to procure a phosphate exhibit for the World's Fair. He was in Gainesville and interviewed the members of the Dutton Phosphate Company and will come to Ocala and interview the Camps and other phosphate miners.

To secure a big phosphate exhibit will be an easy matter.

Moorehead—Pinder.

Mr. Alexander Moorehead and Miss Kate Pinder were married at the home of the bride Sunday night at 7 o'clock, Rev. I. W. Ozle officiating.

Mr. Moorehead is a surveyor and a brother of Messrs. Frank and Jim Moorehead. Mrs. Moorehead was raised in Ocala and attended the Ocala high school for several years. This paper wishes them a happy married life.

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